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- e) at least one organometallic compound selected from the group consisting of organic titanium compounds and organic tin compounds and
  - f) optionally other auxiliary substances selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, bonding agents, pigments and fungicides.

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Claim 5, please cancel.

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated March 24, 2000, the Examiner indicated that she was not satisfied that "consisting essentially of" would exclude the amino crosslinking agent.

Now, in a determined effort to advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants have strictly limited their crosslinking agents to a specific Markush group. None of these crosslinking agents include any nitrogen atoms.

The amino crosslinking agent is accordingly now excluded, and the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be

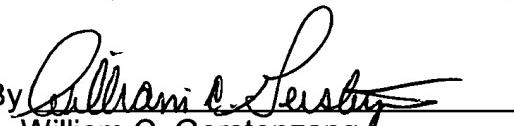
considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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